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6 February 1968

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Training

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FROM : [REDACTED] Room 1 D 1617  
Extension 5941SUBJECT : Report of Completion of Vietnam  
Station Orientation 6-68 (#23)  
23-25 January 1968

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1. Basic Data

[REDACTED] including four females, attended the 23rd running of the Vietnam Orientation, now renamed the Vietnam Station Orientation. This enrollment is the largest since July 1967 when [REDACTED] persons completed the Orientation.

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2. Items of Interest

A. This running of the Orientation is the first since the establishment of the triad of programs on Vietnam for which I am largely responsible. As part of the new system, the Orientation was shortened to three days; and, following the newly inaugurated Vietnam Area Course, it ran quite satisfactorily, and in fact quite pleasantly. This pleasant aspect is probably attributable to the greater familiarity that the members of the class achieved with one another over the two-week period.

B. From my point of view it was also pleasant because, happily, all speakers showed up on schedule

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and no substitutes had to be made. A scheduled film got lost somewhere in the shuffle but I was able to find a thoroughly acceptable substitute. This was the only flaw in the three-day schedule.

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C. The usual panel on living and working conditions in Vietnam was given an extra injection of news and views by the appearance of Mr. Ernest [REDACTED] who was home on TDY. He became the fourth member of the panel and helped make it one of the best we have had.

### 3. Critiques

No critiques were written. I dispensed with them because the class was meeting in 1 E 78 which offers no facilities for writing.

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